

Lepidoptera new to Somerset

Two species of moth new to the Somerset list (VC 5 and VC 6), have been found this year in Edford Wood, North Somerset (VC 6; O. S. grid reference ST 6646). The first was *Ecoedemia rubivora* (Nepticulidae), when two vacated mines were found on *Rubus* sp. on 25 April 2002. The identification was kindly confirmed by John Robbins. The second new species is the Sallow Clearwing *Synanthedon flaviventris* (Sesiidae), with a single male being attracted to a "TIP" pheromone lure at 15:00 hrs on 28 June 2002.

A single male *Niditinea striolella* (Lep.: Tineidae) was taken at a 125W Skinner trap in Leigh Woods (ST 5573) on 30 June 2001. The identity was confirmed by genitalia dissection; this is a new species for the North Somerset vice county.—MARTIN ELLIS, 14 Great Ostry, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5TT (E-mail: mjellis@tesco.net).

***Gymnancyla canella* (D.& S.) (Lep.: Pyralidae) confirmed breeding in Devon**

Following my earlier report (*Ent. Rec.* **114**: 40), P. Stirling, B. Henwood and myself visited Dawlish Warren on 26 August 2002 and found larvae of *Gymnancyla canella* D.&S. abundantly. Every plant of prickly saltwort *Salsola kali* that was examined had multiple signs of larval feeding with the tell-tale webbing and frass of this species. A few larvae, which were around half grown, were removed to photograph with a some of these being taken to breed through.

It has since been discovered that B. Elliott had visited the site on 26 September 1998 and found feeding signs with a few larvae in prickly saltwort, but did not report the finding. He visited the site on 3 September 2002, after our visit, and found the larvae again.—R. F. McCORMICK, 36 Paradise Road, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8NR.

New moths for the Isle of Wight (VC 10) taken in 2002

A mine of *Phyllocnistis xenia* (Hering) was found on *Populus alba* by Bill Shepard at St. Helen's Duver on 17 August – identified by Dr David Biggs and confirmed by Dr John Langmaid.

An adult *Tachystola acroxantha* (Meyr.) was found by David Biggs at Gurnard on 11 August. It was identified by Jim Cheverton and confirmed by Dr John Langmaid.

An example of the plume moth *Oxyptilus laetus* (Zell.) was taken at light in my garden at Freshwater on 15 June and is the thirteenth British example.

Another plume moth, *Ovendenia lienigianus* (Zell.), was taken at my garden at light at Freshwater on 27 June and recorded quite commonly until early September. However, whilst looking through the collection I found an example of this species, dated 17 July 1999, which I must have overlooked. I should like to thank Brian Elliott and Colin Hart for the identification and confirmation of the above two plume species.

Finally, on 26 July I captured an example of *Recurvaria leucatella* (Cl.) at Cranmore, which was identified by Rob Heckford at the annual exhibition of the British Entomological & Natural History Society, during November 2002.